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1. In late September 1953, the Chinese Communist central authorities ordered the transfer of workers of the Organization and Social Affairs Departments of the Chinese Communist Party committees and bureaus at various levels to statistical units of corresponding levels of government offices. The purpose of this transfer was to consolidate the work of these statistical units, and to improve their framework, direction and efficiency in terms of implementing the Five-Year Plan.¹
2. The number of persons to be transferred was to range from two to fifty for the various government units concerned. The deputy director of each unit was to be selected and appointed by the newly transferred party members. The transferred party members were to be considered principal cadres in the government unit.

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Comment.

at the opening of the National Statistical Conference in Peiping in December 1952, HSUEH Mu-ch'iao, director of the National Statistical Bureau, stressed the necessity of efficient statistical work in order to carry out the Five-Year Plan. He stated that the main statistical weakness of the preceding three years had been that statistics were collected and studied by different departments of different areas, and varied in content so that different areas' figures could not be correlated. To overcome these weaknesses, HSUEH stressed the need to adopt "advanced Soviet experience", to allow the National Statistical Bureau to centralize the nation's statistical work, and to set up and strengthen statistical organs at all levels and introduce a scientific statistical system.

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